



**North Central Regional Transit District
Board Meeting
Friday, August 1, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the North Central Regional Transit District Board was called to order on the above date by Commissioner Dan Barrone, Chair, at 9:16 a.m. at the Jim West Transit Center, 1327 Riverside Drive, Española, New Mexico.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Roll Call**

Ms. Lucero called the roll and it indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:	Elected Members	Alternate Designees
Los Alamos County	<i>Councilor Pete Sheehey</i>	<i>Mr. Philo Shelton</i>
Rio Arriba County		<i>Mr. Tomás Campos</i>
Taos County	<i>Commissioner Daniel Barrone</i>	
Santa Fé County	<i>Commissioner Miguel Chávez</i>	
Nambé Pueblo	<i>Mr. Lonnie Montoya</i>	
Pojoaque Pueblo	Excused	
Ohkay Owingeh	Excused	
San Ildefonso Pueblo	<i>Ms. Lillian Garcia</i>	

Santa Clara Pueblo		<i>Ms. Mary Lou Valério</i>
Tesuque Pueblo	<i>Fmr Gov Charlie Dorame</i>	<i>Ms. Sandra Maes</i>
City of Santa Fé	Absent	
City of Española	<i>Councilor Dennis Tim Salazar</i>	
Town of Edgewood	<i>Councilor Chuck Ring</i>	
Rio Metro (ex officio)	<i>Ms. Elizabeth Carter</i>	

Staff Members Present

Mr. Anthony J. Mortillaro, Executive Director
 Ms. Dalene Lucero, Executive Assistant
 Mr. Mike Kelly, Transit Operations Manager
 Ms. Stacey McGuire, Projects and Grants Specialist
 Ms. Glenda Aragon, Finance Manager

Others Present

Mr. Peter Dwyer, Legal Counsel
 Mr. Carl Boaz, Stenographer
 Mr. Ardee Napolitano, Rio Grande Sun
 Mr. Erick Aune, SFMPO
 Ms. Lisa Katonak, Santa Fé County Manager's Office
 Mr. Ken Smithson, Santa Fé Trails
 Mr. Gary Forrest, Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves to the group.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Campos moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Valério seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Tesuque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 6, 2014

Councilor Sheehey requested a correction on page 8 under the Tribal Subcommittee Report where it should say, "Councilor Sheehey said the Jicarilla Apache Nation is a partner in the Chama Peak Land

Alliance (chamapeak.org) which, together with the San Juan-Chama Watershed Partnership (sanjuancama.org) have completed a USDA- funded wood utilization study. The study looks at renewable fuels and renewable electricity generation in the area." He reminded the Board that the Jicarilla Apache Nation was still interested in becoming a member of NCRTD.

Mr. Montoya requested a grammatical correction on page six where it should say (regarding replacement vehicles, "He [not It] said the report said a list was attached but it was not in the packet."

Ms. Valério moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2014 as amended. Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) voice vote. Tesuque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

There were no presentation items.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion and Possible Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the NCRTD and Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 492 (Union)

Mr. Mortillaro reported that earlier this year the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was about to expire (in June). They gave notice to start negotiations for a new agreement. The collective bargaining started in May, ended on July 16, and the District and Union Local No. 492 reached tentative agreement and on July 26 it was ratified by 100% of the union members in attendance.

Mr. Mortillaro shared some highlights and told the members they would see the existing agreement in the packet based on what was agreed to. The new agreement is for 24 months, ending on July 16, 2016.

He referred the Board members to the highlights in the packet which included a modified probationary period. Any Leave Without Pay taken would extend the probationary period since an employee's performance couldn't be evaluated if the employee was not on the job. The route bidding with extended bidding time period would occur during March and September.

Ms. Sandra Maes arrived at 9:27 a.m.

Mr. Mortillaro said the language was modified on special bid periods because sometimes we have a change in routes and that affects drivers. This will allow an impacted driver to request a special bid and

then only those drivers with less seniority can bid. No one saw this as problematic.

"Show up pay" was similar to call back pay - if an employee is scheduled and arrived and the supervisor sent the driver back home, the supervisor should have called far in advance to cancel the trip so the employee wouldn't have to show up. The driver in that circumstance would be compensated for 2 hours of work or the District could ask them to work those two hours and that could be counted toward overtime. It is an issue of management controlling that option.

Sick Leave provisions had a modification to clarify a qualifying event resulting from an employee using the family leave act so that catastrophic sick leave could be utilized and it also gets put into the equation of the sick leave buy back. He explained split vacations which was to give 7 days at a time, basically.

Under health and welfare they added a provision to comply with the Affordable Care Act. The percentage of employer payment for healthcare coverage did not change.

Pension contributions from the District was increased to 15.5% and, therefore, no wage increase was tied to the CBA for 2014. The next wage increase was 2% scheduled for 2016.

All in all, the fiscal impact of the approved CBA is below the threshold the Board discussed in closed session.

Mr. Mortillaro referred to the employment letter in the packet on page 43.

Mr. Dwyer said the show up pay provision was on page 28.

Commissioner Chávez clarified that they endorsed the agreement and it was ratified by all and he wanted to acknowledge that in respect to both sides.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as present. Councilor Ring seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Clara Pueblo, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting against.

Chair Barrone thanked staff for a job well done on the CBA.

B. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2014-13 providing for the District to pay 75% of the PERA contribution for all District Employees, Union and Non-Union who earn more than \$20,000 per year.

Mr. Mortillaro reported that this retirement benefit provision was incorporated into the CBA and at Board's direction, shall apply to all employees and the Resolution states that.

Councilor Ring moved to approve Resolution 2014-13 providing for the District to pay 75% of the PERA contribution for all District Employees, Union and Non-Union who earn more than \$20,000 per year. Councilor Sheehey seconded the motion.

Councilor Sheehey believed this is a reasonable move to align benefits that the District offers, with what most communities were offering. It helps buffer some of the increases in costs for other things for both union and nonunion, He felt it was a fair deal.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Clara Pueblo, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting against.

C. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2014-14 adopting the FY 15 Service Plans from the City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County and acknowledging the Service Plan from the County of Santa Fe

Mr. Mortillaro said the Service Plan was required annually by the financial policies and the policy provides for sharing of GRT for regional routes approved by the Board and provided by member entities. In this case, Santa Fé Trails and Atomic City Transit, both of whom have provided service plans and have provided them for the past 3-4 years and both of whom meet the definition of regional routes as defined in NCRTD policies.

The County of Santa Fé also adopted a transit service plan (although not required to) and submitted it to the Board for routes in Santa Fé County and allows them to express their desire for additional routes and those are similar to the 5-year Plan the Board adopted.

The result was the budgeting for 2015 of \$2.3 million for reimbursements for these regional services. That was about \$30,000 more than last year. Under the plan, if approved, \$953,274 would go to Santa Fé Trails and \$1,361,320 would go to Atomic City Transit (Los Alamos County).

In return, every quarter the regional service agency must submit a report of services and based on the allocation model to verify those costs before the District issues the quarterly payments.

Councilor Ring asked if the Service Plan included the expansion of the midday route to Edgewood. Mr. Mortillaro agreed. It was incorporated into the Eldorado route.

Commissioner Chávez noted that page 56 referenced that and he read it aloud. He noted that there were actually two routes on a six-month trial basis.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed. They were the Golden and Edgewood routes for Santa Fé County.

Councilor Ring said Edgewood ridership was up this past year.

Councilor Sheehey said Los Alamos County was happy to have the NCRTD funded routes in Los

Alamos. What Los Alamos get is slightly more than what it costs for us but we are happy to have that for the region and satisfied with the allocation.

Chair Barrone also thanked Los Alamos County for their contribution.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution 2014-14 adopting the FY 15 Service Plans from the City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County and acknowledging the Service Plan from the County of Santa Fe. Councilor Ring seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Clara Pueblo, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting against.

D. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2014-15 Approving the Annual Fourth Quarter Financials to DFA

Ms. Aragon presented the resolution to the Board. She explained that New Mexico law requires the Local Government Division (LGD) of DFA to make rules and regulations related to budgets, records, reports, and the disbursement of public monies, including transfers between funds. One of their primary responsibilities is to review financial reports including analysis of current financial conditions to detect financial difficulties early and to ensure that each entity maintains financial solvency

Ms. Valério excused herself from the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Ms. Aragon reported that she attached the DFA fourth quarter report as shown in the packet on page 69 and the resolution on page 70.

Mr. Mortillaro asked if this would close out the books.

Ms. Aragon said the books are just upgraded and there is GRT not yet reported on this quarterly report but expected soon. It reflects the budget for FY 14.

Mr. Mortillaro said every city and county in New Mexico is in the same boat with the delay in getting the revenues so it was just to approve the documents required by DFA and staff will close out FY 14 and bring back to the Board the close out and final budget numbers. He added that the District will be under budget again.

Councilor Ring moved to approve Resolution 2014-15 Approving the Annual Fourth Quarter Financials to DFA Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chávez noted on page 67, in the memo it has two attachments but the report is not identified as draft in the attachment. He requested an amendment to mark it draft in the caption.

Councilor Ring accepted that as a friendly amendment as did Commissioner Chávez.

The motion, as amended, passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting against. Santa Clara Pueblo was not present for the vote.

E. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2014-16 endorsing an application for 5309 Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Grant for a Maintenance Facility, Wash Bay and Fueling Station

Ms. McGuire presented item E and item F in tandem.

She explained that the 5309 initiative opportunity for the District was to apply for funding for a maintenance facility, wash bay and a fueling station. In the second resolution, she was seeking Board approval also to submit a request for funding Automatic Passenger Counters (APC) for District vehicles.

She added that there were no changes from what was presented in the packet. In the Tiger funding, NMDOT would provide a 10% match and the District would need 20%. For the APCs the grant request would be \$253,667 and the match would be approximately \$70,700. For the maintenance facility it would be a similar breakdown with an 80/20 match and a total request of \$1.2 million.

Ms. McGuire explained that FTA will make \$100 million available across the nation as they did for FY 14. It is an opportunity for another funding source for the two projects. The deadline is August 4, 2014 and as a rural entity, the District had to apply for it as a state application and NMDOT's deadline was July 17 so she submitted the request on time to them. Her recommendation was for the Board to approve the applications.

Mr. Montoya commended the staff for being proactive

Mr. Montoya moved to approve Resolution 2014-16 endorsing an application for 5309 Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Grant for a Maintenance Facility, Wash Bay and Fueling Station Councilor Sheehey seconded the motion.

Councilor Ring asked if the District had full participation for letters of endorsement.

Ms. McGuire said they had quite a few for the Tiger grant but had short notice here for the FTA so there were only a few letters of endorsement.

Councilor Sheehey said this money is available. At the federal level there is real dysfunction about funding transportation activities so they might fund this but might not. So the District needs to go for all we can get now.

The motion to approve Resolution 2014-16 passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting

against. Santa Clara Pueblo was not present for the vote.

F. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2014-17 endorsing an application for 5309 Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Grant for Automatic Passenger Counters

Mr. Montoya moved to approve Resolution 2014-17 endorsing an application for 5309 Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Grant for Automatic Passenger Counters Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chávez asked, for clarification, if all vehicles were to be retrofitted for these units. Ms. McGuire agreed.

Commissioner Chávez thanked staff for their hard work.

Ms. Maes asked if it was to be tied into the existing system.

Ms. McGuire agreed.

Mr. Mortillaro added that the good news was that the District had a bid so it was a price contract good for three full years. That meant the price given then would still be good.

The motion to approve Resolution 2014-17 passed by unanimous roll call vote with Town of Edgewood, City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, Santa Fé County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County and Tesuque Pueblo voting in favor and none voting against. Santa Clara Pueblo was not present for the vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

G. Discussion and Review of Ski Santa Fe Service Update

Ms. McGuire reminded the Board that NCRTD discussed providing transit service to the Santa Fe Ski area. Per the Board direction at the March and April board meetings, the District staff has engaged the Pueblos of Tesuque and Nambé to further discuss the request for transit service between the City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe National Forest and Ski Santa Fe. The first meeting was on April 24 and a follow up meeting took place on July 30, 2014. Representatives from Nambé Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo, Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe and NCRTD were present. Ms. McGuire provided a handout to Board members on that meeting. They met at Tesuque Pueblo and had a discussion and acknowledged pueblo concerns with transit through the pueblo reservation, through the forest at sacred and ceremonial areas and impacts on implementation as a win-win for all stakeholders. All were significant issues to continue discussions.

On July 30, they decided the next step was to meet with all parties and to create a straw man to assess impacts that this transit service would have on the mountain and its people.

Chair Barrone thanked pueblos for attending.

Commissioner Chávez asked that pueblo members state anything that might have been left out.

Ms. Maes said she had expected Former Governor Charlie Dorame to be here. She said they wanted to expound on the cooperativeness of Santa Fé City and Santa Fé County in the discussions. We hope to alleviate a lot of the pueblo concerns and safety for the public. That road may not be equipped to handle a large vehicle and we want to include improvements to handle larger vehicles so that we can move forward with it.

Commissioner Chávez added that the interests of Ski Santa Fé and Ski New Mexico were to be open for tourism. So their first interest and motive was to accommodate visitors for people to have lodging and ski there. So the balance we are trying to achieve if we can, is not only to promote Ski Santa Fé but also for respecting the pueblos and also for economic development in their communities.

Governor Dorame arrived at that moment and Commissioner Chávez yielded the floor to him.

Governor Dorame apologized for being late and related how he had been on the Tesuque Council since 1976 and now was a lifetime member of the Council.

He said they had a good discussion with the county and city at the meeting. We would like to see some type of education process for people utilizing the mountain about who the caretakers are of that mountain and of our concerns. With the influx of people we have to limit our access and limit our practice of our beliefs there. With our cultural sites, it is hard for us to come to that point and face the obstacles in our way. We haven't closed the mountain to visitors. We want to have a cross roads with each other. "Hopefully with my experience I can explain to younger people why it is this way. I've tried to put down my barriers. If we sit down and talk one-on-one we can understand."

He said, "Ms. Maes has been a wonderful asset to me and to the tribe. When she speaks on behalf of the tribe, she speaks on behalf of the Governor and she knows and is comfortable making decisions."

Commissioner Chávez said the memo mentioned the entities not at the meeting: Santa Fé National Forest, Ski Santa Fé and Ski New Mexico. Their mission statement is to promote the ski industry and we have not had discussions with them on this topic. He thought the City would have a separate discussion with them and it would take place somewhere else. He was trying to present that part so all can understand how to connect those dots.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed. NCRTD raised that point with Ski Santa Fé and City reps and invited Ski New Mexico and they had a representative here today. And the Forest Service is to be present for the scheduled meeting on August 8. It would help if parties would outline their areas of interest and carry them forward with other parties and after that meeting we will create a straw man to reach some sort of consensus. That is the approach we've taken here. He believed they were comfortable with that.

Governor Dorame appreciated that.

Councilor Sheehey had a suggestion on education. During the summer season - buses take thousands of people to Bandelier and Los Alamos wanted to educate them about Bandelier and to know about our town and what it offers. So on every bus bringing visitors, Los Alamos County provided a flyer that has educational material. The buses also have a video monitor that might work. This is one way to get the information out. There are some maps and material explaining the cultural situation and that there are some areas that legally and morally, tourists are not allowed to go. So anyone can learn it and gain respect for the area.

Councilor Ring said it was a good idea and thought the District could pursue it.

Governor Dorame said that was part of the discussion. The ultimate goal was to provide an alternative form of transportation to eliminate so much traffic of cars.

Commissioner Chávez commented that it would be those same people but in a 28 passenger bus that cannot stop along the way. So we take off the cars and from their destination, can hike or bike. But those people who want to stop along the way will still take their private vehicle.

The company is interested in the bottom line. Their concern is about that and their employees. The rest of the people are not really interested in how they get there. There are different ways to look at it for those who are involved.

Mr. Montoya wasn't sure about using video monitors. He thought they should have a person in the bus teaching. So we are looking at all aspects and eventually we will find the right solution for it.

Commissioner Chávez requested that Erick Aune, from the MPO, be given permission to attend the August 8 meeting.

Mr. Aune addressed the board and explained that Ski Santa Fe is within the jurisdiction of the MPO who are updating their 5 year transportation plan and they would like to be included.

Mr. Mortillaro deferred to the board members.

Commissioner Chávez agreed. He just wanted to present the request.

Ms. Maes asked about Mr. Smithson who was in the audience and had been at the previous meeting.

Mr. Ken Smithson, Santa Fé Trails, thought it was a very productive meeting. To know each other and the stakeholders is a good thing. He said he didn't have the history a lot of others had but appreciated hearing about it and what the issues are. He said he lived in the foothills of that mountain and a mile from his favorite trail there. There are times of the year when hunters are on the mountain and if I had known that earlier I wouldn't be on that trail nor at the time of the pilgrimages at points and at those times he would stay away. There are needs for the pueblo, the city and the county to market those things to respect what is going on up there. There were several ideas in the meeting to accomplish that. We have a captive audience on that vehicle for 45 minutes that can be used to educate people on the mountain. That doesn't help those in their private vehicles.

Ms. Maes thanked the Board for their efforts for sharing this information and for the Pueblo to have a voice. She felt it was an advantage to include that education in any plan.

Commissioner Chávez said they did talk about the fiscal impact conceptually only. There were questions raised if we decided to do a route like this. It is in the five-year service plan.

Ms. McGuire estimated the cost at about \$250,000 per year, using three vehicles and about \$560,000 for capital costs. This is significant. So they need to continue the conversation for those who could be a key stakeholder to ensure if it does happen, that it would be successful.

Commissioner Chávez thought the entities should all participate in the contributions to it.

Ms. McGuire agreed. We need to have them step up to the plate.

Councilor Sheehey recalled that about a year ago the Board heard about a grant for access to the forest. He wondered if the grant was still pending and a possible source of funding.

Ms. McGuire said the District is not on the short list and they have to vet that and things could change and we could become a recipient of the FLAP program. They haven't made final decisions yet.

Chair Barrone said it wouldn't hurt to promote 54 more miles to Sipapu, Red River and the Taos Valley Ski Basin.

Governor Dorame, as he left, said, he liked the recommendation from Los Alamos because all the tribes in New Mexico have a feast day. But we fail to educate people about the ceremonial dances. Their applause came as a surprise to us. That meant we were failing to educate people about coming to the reservations. We developed a pamphlet on pueblo etiquette published by Eight Northern Indian Pueblos. He thanked the Board for their work on this.

H. Discussion and Review of Sipapu Trail Period Report

Ms. McGuire reported that as discussed at the December Board meeting, staff implemented a new bus stop at Sipapu and began serving the in December 2013 as incorporated in the Peñasco route. It arrives at Sipapu at 8:48 a.m., departs at 3:46 p.m. There is good ridership during ski season. We only track people as they get on the bus. The driver said he picks up two from the Taos County offices and takes them to Sipapu every day. Fourteen trips were provided in the morning and for the return trip 74 trips from Sipapu is a better indication of its use.

Page 91 showed the assessment. The Sipapu ski season saw consistent ridership and after the ski season is has been pretty low. So she didn't know there was a need for continuing that stop in the off seasons.

She said the route itself has a big variation and it is not consistent. Out of this trial, if the District looks

at doing it in the future, we would want it to be for the full ski season and provide an opportunity to increase marketing and cross promote Sipapu and NCRTD. She recommended having this bus stop in the coming ski season to maximize the full season and then determine if it was a better assessment either for ski season (November 15 to April 15) or year round. Page 92 in the packet presented the options.

She said the ski season option would cost \$4,300 for that six month trial. She also showed the schedule with Sipapu. She noted that Mr. Forrest, the Sipapu Manager, was present at the May Board meeting and was present here.

Mr. Forrest observed that it went well and he didn't think there would be much business in the summer. We are incorporating the blue bus in our marketing and Española to Taos free transportation for them. We could increase ridership if the drop off was at 7:50 a.m. and the pick up at 4:50 p.m. so people didn't miss the bus. He hoped the Board would decide to operate this route seasonally.

Councilor Ring moved to accept staff recommendation contingent upon budget approval. Chair Barrone seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

I. Financial Report for July 2014

Ms. Aragon presented the financial report as shown in the packet. She commented that there was nothing unusual concerning the District's finances to this point. She clarified that the report doesn't reflect anything for 2014/2015 FY. There is carryover from 2014 and those cash balances are as reflected to DFA. So the District is in the black with all operations. The Accounts Receivable are reflected in prior year.

She reported they are still processing transactions from prior year and anticipate to continue expenditures. The Year End close out is being process and the audit will probably commence by September and have the auditors on-site in October. She anticipated an unqualified audit this year.

The Board had no questions.

J. Finance Subcommittee Report

There was no Finance Subcommittee report.

K. Tribal Subcommittee Report

There was no Tribal Subcommittee report.

L. Executive Report

Mr. Mortillaro provided a handout to the board members to reflect historical ridership this year ridership

was 8% above last year's numbers. So productivity is growing and with promoting, should continue to grow.

Regarding the AVL and ITS projects, all mobile equipment is in the buses and they are also installing the dispatch system and should be 100% soon. AVL is up and operating though not yet to public access. He anticipated public access by January or February. We are finding things to adjust. So far it is going well and contractors are responsive. We are close to the point of accepting the system.

Chair Barrone said he dropped by a couple of weeks ago and looked at the system. It is awesome to see where the buses are located and hopefully that would prevent further accidents and where they might be if there is a delay. He invited others to visit and Mr. Kelly could share it with you.

Ms. McGuire said they have a 5-year system update. They plan to be transitioning to the public once the new service plan is in place. We will do many other tweaks internally and in cooperation with other entities. We just want to make sure everything works as expected before going public.

Mr. Kelly agreed and added that they were working out the bugs and tweaking every day. We will get it public as soon as possible.

Mr. Kelly reported the performance measures which were shown in the packet starting at page 113. June was down slightly but overall the statistics were good. He briefly reviewed them with the Board. He mentioned that next month would show three minor accidents in July with no damage and that were due to error of the other driver.

Councilor Sheehey pointed out that on the operating costs per mile and per trip the District performance has been going along pretty well, close to the Region 6 performance. But in the last couple of months, per mile and per trip costs increased and he wondered why.

Mr. Kelly noted that the cost of gasoline and diesel fuel went up quite a bit. There were also end of year expenses in June to finish out the grant items they needed to purchase in order to close those grants out.

Councilor Sheehey asked if diesel fuel costs followed gas changes.

Mr. Kelly agreed. Diesel stayed high through the winter and didn't have the drastic fluctuations of gasoline.

Chair Barrone asked if the District negotiated diesel prices.

Mr. Kelly said the District has state agreement prices for that but they were still working on a state contract for the rest. In Santa Fé we have bulk pricing but not in Española or Taos yet.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Maes recalled their discussion last time about the shopping cart bus stop and asked if there was any news.

Mr. Kelly said staff located the property owner and are now communicating with them to improve that site.

Mr. Campos said the Jicarilla Apache Nation still want to talk with Mr. Mortillaro about membership. He agreed to get the phone numbers for it to Mr. Mortillaro. He also announce the Rio Arriba County Fair was happening this weekend.

Mr. Mortillaro announced that September 12 is the date for celebration of the NCRTD tenth anniversary. We will still have the regular board meeting date too. He said the staff has been planning this event for 3 months.

Chair Barrone asked the Vice Chair to stand in for him as one of his children was getting married then.

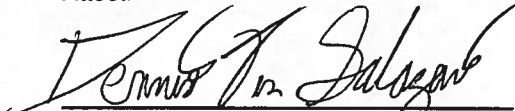
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Montoya moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Ring seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

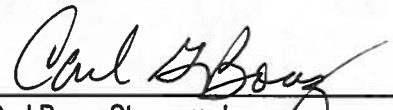
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Miguel Chavez, Vice Chair

Attest:


Dennis Tim Salazar, Secretary

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer